AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 17-22, with the following amended paragraph:

Recently, information terminals, such as PHS and mobile phones, that have a function of transmitting messages, have spread with explosive vigor. With these kinds of information terminals, due to the convenience thereof, ~~a~~ the frequency of communication and time length of communication have increased. Moreover, since ~~a~~ the fee of use has been set higher than ~~a~~ the fee for a normal telephone, ~~a~~ the fee for using such information terminals often becomes very high.

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 23-27, with the following amended paragraph:

Therefore, in order to prevent this kind of problem, for instance, Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 9-200339 has suggested an information terminal equipped with a function for keeping ~~a~~ the communication fee from becoming too high. This function for suppressing ~~a~~ the communication fee is accomplished as follows, for instance.

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 15-19 with the following amended paragraph:

For instance, Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 6-78079 has suggested a system for providing account information to a user. In the suggested system, a total number of callings and a total communication fee within a

predetermined period is ~~informed~~ communicated to a user ~~each~~ at the time of ~~a~~ each call or when a user ~~desired~~ desires to know.

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 20-26, with the following amended paragraph:

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 6-245255 has suggested a method of making communication through mobile terminals in a communication system including a mobile terminal having means for transmitting and receiving signals, a base station, and an exchange system having an exchanger and a computer. The mobile terminal, the base station and the exchange system ~~are communicated~~ communicate with one another through a communication line. The exchanger carries out the service of transmitting a call to and receiving a call from a subscriber.

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 10-18, with the following amended paragraph:

In one aspect of the present invention, there is provided an information terminal having a function of making a call, including (a) a communicator making communication with a calling or called party, (b) a memory storing at least one ~~an~~ exception code, and (c) a main control unit, the main control unit (c1) determining an item to be monitored, (c2) judging whether the item meets with a predetermined condition for prohibiting making a call, (c3) judging whether a code of a calling or called party is coincident with the exception code, and (c4) prohibiting making a call, if the predetermined condition is satisfied, and if the code of a calling or called party is not coincident with the exception code.

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 6-12, with the following amended paragraph:

There is further provided an information terminal having a function of making a call, including (a) a communicator making communication with a calling or called party, and (b) a main control unit, wherein the main control unit (b1) calculates a fee index reflecting a fee of communication made by the communicator, (b2) integrates the communication fee to thereby calculate a total fee index, (b3) judges whether an initialization condition is satisfied, and (b4) initializes the total fee index if the initialization condition is satisfied.

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 9-14, with the following amended paragraph:

In the communication system, a base station transmits a signal to the information terminal each time a communication amount increases by one rate during communication, which signal is indicating that a calling rate has increased by a degree. The base station further transmits a signal to the information terminal when a call is received by the information terminal, which signal is indicative of a telephone number of a calling party.

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 15-22, with the following amended paragraph:

Herein, a calling rate indicates a unit based on which communication amount is calculated, and corresponds solely to a communication fee. By calculating the calling

rate, it is possible to calculate a communication fee for the communication. A communication fee per a unit of time is reflected ~~to~~ by a frequency at which a calling-rate signal is transmitted. In other words, if calling-rate signals are transmitted at a shorter interval, a communication fee becomes higher per a unit of time, whereas if calling-rate signals are transmitted at a longer interval, a communication fee becomes lower per a unit of time.

Please replace the paragraph on page 12, lines 22-25, with the following amended paragraph:

The main control unit 3 controls ~~an~~ the operation of the information terminal, and is designed to have various functions such as a function for controlling an interface with peripheral devices, or a function for managing transmitted and received data.

Please replace the paragraph on page 12, line 16, through page 13, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

In addition, the main control unit 3 is designed to further include a function of transmitting a signal to the second controller 6 to allow or prohibit the second controller to transmit a call, a function of writing communication time into a later mentioned integration table 90, a function of setting various conditions such as clearing conditions, calling rate limit, or a telephone directory list 80, in accordance with commands input through the key input unit 4, and a function of instructing the call-transmitting unit 7 of a telephone number of a party to be called. Furthermore, the main control unit 3 is designed to include a function of acting as a timer, and a calendar function.

Please replace the paragraph on page 15, lines 7-11, with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 3 illustrates an example of the integration table 90. As illustrated, the integration table 90 includes a first column 91 in which a list number is stored, a second column 92 in which communication time is stored, and a third column 93 in which a calling rate is stored. The first to third columns 91 to 93 correspond to one another for each ~~one of~~ communication.

Please replace the paragraph on page 17, lines 3-7, with the following amended paragraph:

The annunciator 13 annunciates to a user that the information terminal has just received an incoming call. In the present embodiment, the annunciator 13 is comprised of a buzzer, a light-emitting diode (LED) and/or a vibrator. The fifth controller 12 controls an operation of the annunciator 13 in accordance with an instruction transmitted from the main control unit 3.

Please replace the paragraph on page 18, lines 7-10, with the following amended paragraph:

In an example illustrated in Fig. 4, it is assumed that a unit period starts at the 21st in ~~this~~ one month, and terminates at the 20th in the next month, a calling rate limit is set equal to 50, and call suppression is cleared when a unit period has passed.

Please replace the paragraph on page 18, lines 20-21, with the following amended paragraph:

Hereinbelow ~~is~~ are explained steps to be carried out for setting the account environment.

Please replace the paragraph on page 19, lines 19-22, with the following amended paragraph:

As mentioned above, if setting the call suppression condition is selected in step S194, the main control unit 3 determines an upper limit of ~~in~~ a communication fee, in step S106. This process for setting an upper limit in a communication fee is carried out as follows.

Please replace the paragraph on page 21, lines 21-24, with the following amended paragraph:

On the other hand, if a user selects the second type call suppression clearance in step S112, the main control unit 3 carries out ~~an~~ a control such that the integration table 90 is reset when the ID number set as the clear condition is transmitted together with an incoming call, in step S116.

Please replace the paragraph on page 22, lines 2-6, with the following amended paragraph:

The main control unit 3 displays on the display unit 14 a message to a user to enter a desired number as an ID number. In response to the message, a user inputs a desired number as an ID number. Then, the main control unit 3 registers the thus input number in the fifth memory 11a as an ID number ~~or~~ for the suppression condition.

Please replace the paragraph on page 25, lines 21-27, with the following amended paragraph:

The call suppression is cleared basically by resetting the integration table 90. However, ~~a~~ the timing at which the integration table 90 is reset differs depending on which condition is set as the clear condition. Hence, hereinbelow are explained both a case wherein the clear condition is set based on a unit period, specifically, a starting date of a unit period, and a case wherein the clear condition is set based on an ID number. The clear condition has been set in the abovementioned steps S112 to S122 in Fig. 5.

Please replace the paragraph on page 26, lines 17-21, with the following amended paragraph:

The steps illustrated in Fig. 7 are executed in a fairly short period after the information terminal is turned on. Accordingly, in step S306, a starting date is never ~~past~~ passed without the fourth controller 11 judging that the date at that time is coincident with a starting date of a unit period having been set as the clear condition, or that a new unit period starts (YES in step S306).

Please replace the paragraph on page 27, lines 12-14, with the following amended paragraph:

On the other hand, ~~If~~ if they are coincident with each other (YES in step S406), the fourth controller 11 transmits an instruction to the third controller 10 to thereby reset the integration table 90. Thus, the call suppression is cleared.

Please replace the paragraph on page 27, lines 21-29, with the following amended paragraph:

A user can instruct the main control unit 3 to display a total communication fee in a unit period, through the key input unit 4. In response to the instruction input by a user, the main control unit 3 causes the first controller 5 to calculate a total communication fee. In detail, the first controller 5 refers to the fifth column 95 in the integration table 90, and obtains ~~that~~ the total calling rate. Then, the first controller 5 calculates a total calculation fee, based on the thus obtained total calling rate and the conversion data stored in the third memory 5a, for example, by multiplying the total calling rate by the conversion data.

Please replace the paragraph on page 30, lines 5-13, with the following amended paragraph:

In the embodiment described above, a program executed by the main control unit 3 is updated by connecting the information terminal to another device and rewriting what is stored in a memory. However, a control program may be updated in other ways. For instance, a storage medium storing a control program and/or data may be exchanged ~~to~~ with another storage medium storing a new control program and/or data. In such a case, a program can be updated merely by exchanging a storage medium ~~into~~ with a new one. For instance, as an exchangeable storage medium, there may be used a memory card with a semiconductor memory, a compact magnetic storage device, or the like.

Please replace the paragraph on page 30, line 23, through page 31, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

The term "storage medium" includes, for instance, a disk-shaped recorder 401 such as CD-ROM (Compact Disk-ROM) or PD, a magnetic tape, MO (Magneto Optical Disk), DVD-ROM (Digital Video Disk-Read Only Memory), DVD-RAM (Digital Video Disk-Random Access Memory), a floppy disk 402, a memory chip 404 such as RAM (Random Access Memory) or ROM (Read Only Memory), EPROM (Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory), EEPROM (Electrically Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory), smart media (Registered Trade Mark), a ~~flush~~ flash memory, a rewritable card-type ROM 405 such as a compact ~~flush~~ flash card, a hard disk 403, and any other suitable means for storing a program therein.